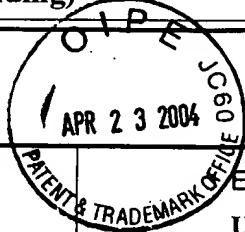


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Docket No.

FIS920010165US1 (14775)

In Re Application Of: Kevin J. Reardon



Serial No.
09/933,602

Filing Date
August 21, 2001

Examiner
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Group Art Unit
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in the above identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- A check in the amount of _____ is attached.
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Dated: April 21, 2004

Steven Fischman
Reg. No. 34,594

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FIS920010165US1 (14775)

First Named Inventor: Kevin J. Reardon

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

1. Petition fee

 Small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)) Applicant claims small entity status..
See 37 CFR 1.27. Other than small entity - fee \$ 110.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

(Charge account indicated on transmittal cover sheet)

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of

copy of original Response to Notice To File Missing Parts including executed Declaration of power of Attorney and Assignment has been filed previously on November 7, 2001. is enclosed herewith.

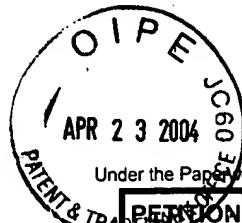
B. The issue fee of \$ _____

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing the burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity of \$ _____ other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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Enclosures: Fee Payment Reply Terminal Disclaimer Form Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay _____**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

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Steven Fischman

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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply)

A Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 24, 2001 was received by Applicants' representatives (Messrs. Scully, Scott, Murphy and Presser). In accordance with instructions by the Assignee (International Business Machines, Corporation), Messrs. Scully, Scott, Murphy and Presser forwarded the Notice to File Missing Parts to in-house counsel for assignee (Mr. Jay Anderson, Esq.) on October 2, 2001.

Upon information and belief, Applicants' in-house counsel prepared and forwarded a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts to the US Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2001. The Response contained: a copy of the Notice to File Missing parts, a properly executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, a properly executed Assignment, PTO form 1595, PTO form 1533, two receipt acknowledgment postcards in addition to an authorization to charge any required fees to the Assignee's deposit account. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.8, the Response was properly certified and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail on November 7, 2001.

Upon information and belief, the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) duly received the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. This is evidenced by the Assignee's receipt of the acknowledgement postcard acknowledging the PTO's receipt of the executed Declaration and the Response to the Notice of Missing Parts and the receipt acknowledgement postcard acknowledging the receipt of an assignment. Copies of the postcards each indicating a stamped seal from the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIEA) bearing a date of February 5, 2002 that were returned to the Assignee are submitted herein as Exhibit A.

Upon information and belief, Messrs. Scully, Scully, Scott, Murphy and Presser subsequently received a Notice of Abandonment dated December 17, 2003 indicating that the present application had been abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts that was mailed on September 24, 2001.

Applicants respectfully submit that through no fault of their own, the duly filed Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, although indicated as being received by the US Patent and Trademark Office, was not properly delivered to the Examiner's file, thus constituting an "unavoidable" delay. As mentioned above, included herewith, copies of all original documents as previously submitted in addition to the postcards bearing the OIEA seal are attached as evidence to refute the assertion that the Applicants did not respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts in a timely manner.

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Therefore, in view of the above stated events, Applicants respectfully request that the Petition-to-Revive the present application be granted on the grounds of unavoidable delay due in no part to any actions of the Applicants.

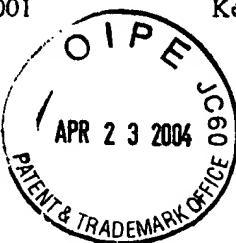


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SCULLY, SCOTT, MURPHY & PRESSER
 400 Garden City
 Garden City, NY 11530



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Date Mailed: 09/24/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)****Docket No.
FIS9-2001-0165US1**

In Re Application Of: KEVIN J. REARDON

Serial No.
09/933,602Filing Date
08-21-01

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Invention: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

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This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on

09-24-01*Date*

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- Other (list):

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**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)**

Docket No.
FIS9-2001-016SUS1

In Re-Application Of: **KEVIN J. REARDON**

Serial No.
09/933,602

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08-21-01

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Invention: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PLANNING**

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Design application filing fee _____

Total number of independent claims = _____

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Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath **\$130.00**

Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor _____

Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification _____

Fee for processing and retention of application _____

Total completion of application fees **\$130.00**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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from: _____
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Total time extension fees _____

Total fees due **\$130.00**

**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
FIS9-2001-0165US1

In Re Application Of: **KEVIN J. REARDON**

Serial No.
09/933,602

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Invention: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PLANNING**

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Signature

Dated: 7 November 2001

Jay H. Anderson
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Karen C. Inq-Mars 11/7/01

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Execution Date: 10-26-01

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Internal Address: _____

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4. Application number(s) or patent numbers(s):

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A. Patent Application No.

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Jay H. Anderson, Reg. No. 38,371Jay H. Anderson7 Nov 2001

Name of Person Signing

Signature

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Date

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(IBM Docket No.: FIS920010165US1)

ASSIGNMENT**Whereas,**Inventor
and City(1) Kevin J. Reardon
County of FairfieldCity of Riverside
and State of Connecticut

Title

have invented certain improvements in
A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PLANNINGDate That
Inventor
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and have executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

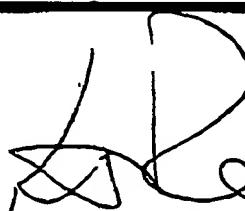
(1) 10-26 2001.

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I the above named hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and I request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and I hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and I will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

City (1) Signed at Somers, NY

Date on 10-26-01



(Kevin First Name) J. Middle Initial (Reardon Last Name) *signature*) inventor

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Alb. Docket No. FIS9200101ESUS1
SSMP Docket No. 14775**Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PLANNING
the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on 08-21-01 as Application Serial No. 09/933,602 and was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificates having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Prior U.S. Applications:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph P. Abate, Reg. No. 30,238; Jay Anderson, Reg. No. 39,371; Ira D. Blacker, Reg. No. 29,894; Steven Capella, Reg. No. 33,085; Daryl K. Neff, Reg. No. 38,253; Eric W. Petraske, Reg. No. 28,458; H. Daniel Schoumann, Reg. No. 35,791; William P. Skladany, Reg. No. 33,787; Marc D. Schechter, Reg. No. 28,839; Tiffany L. Townsend, Reg. No. 43,199; T. Ray Coca, Reg. No. 29,784; Harold Huberfeld, Reg. No. 26,665; Todd M.C. Li (Reg. No. 45,554); Susan Murray, Reg. No. 38,252; Margaret A. Pepper, Reg. No. 45,008; Christopher A. Hughes, Reg. No. 26,914; Edward A. Pennington, Reg. No. 32,588; John E. Hoel, Reg. No. 26,270; Joseph C. Redmond, Jr., Reg. No. 18,753; Richard L. Catania, Reg. No. 32,608; Leopold Presser, Reg. No. 19,827; Frank S. DiGilio, Reg. No. 51,346; Kenneth L. King, Reg. No. 24,223 and Edward W. Grotz (Reg. No. 33,705); Steven Fischman (Reg. No. 34,594).

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